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N'ASTIRH VICTORIOUS!

VENOM REIGN



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IT WASN'T THAT ILLYANA WAS VAIN. BEAUTY WAS AS NATURAL TO HER AS BREATHING. SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN BEAUTIFUL, LIKE A PERFECT, PASTEL PRESENT, JUST BEGGING TO BE OPENED. BUT SHE LIKED IT, ANYWAY, WHEN HER LOOKS TOOK PEOPLE'S BREATH AWAY.

I ALMOST MADE HER FORGET WHAT SHE WAS INSIDE.

N'ASTIRH, YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP ME! YOU BETRAYED ME!

BETRAYED YOU, ILLYANA-DARKCHILDE?

YOU HAVE YOUR SWORD... AND WITH IT THE DARKEST PIECE OF YOUR SOUL. I HAVE GIVEN YOU POWER, DARK-CHILDE.



MERE HOURS AGO, ILLYANA AND HER TEAMMATES, THE NEW MUTANTS, WERE TRAPPED IN THE ELDRICTH DIMENSION CALLED LIMBO.

THERE, OF HER OWN FREE WILL, ILLYANA OFFERED HERSELF, THE PRETTY, PASTEL PRESENT, TO A DEMON. AND, IN EXCHANGE, HE SHOWED HER THE WAY HOME.

YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE ON EARTH, WHERE THEY BELONG, PERHAPS NOT SAFE, BUT HOME.

I DID NOT PROMISE THAT HOME WOULD BE AS IT WAS. AFTER ALL, I AM A DEMON!

THE DEMON SHREDDED AND TORE THE PRETTY PACKAGE, AS DEMONS WILL. AND INSIDE... SURPRISE! JUST WORMS AND DUST. A SOUL THAT WAS NEARLY DEAD.

BUT THAT WAS FINE WITH HIM... SINCE DEMONS LIKE DEAD THINGS BEST.

YOU USED ME TO OPEN THIS TRANSPORT DISC, TO RIP A HOLE IN THE SKY...

...SO THAT YOUR LEGIONS COULD RAIN DOWN ON MANHATTAN. YOU LIED TO ME!

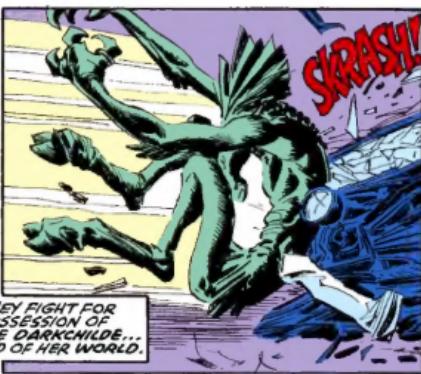


YOU SPEAK OF LIES, DARKCHILDE? I HELPED YOU... AND IN EXCHANGE I ASKED ONLY THAT YOU ACCEPT YOUR TRUE SELF... EMBRACE YOUR DARK HERITAGE.

BUT HAVE YOU--?
HAVE YOU TRULY?







THEY FIGHT FOR
POSSESSION OF
THE DARKCHILDE...
AND OF HER WORLD.



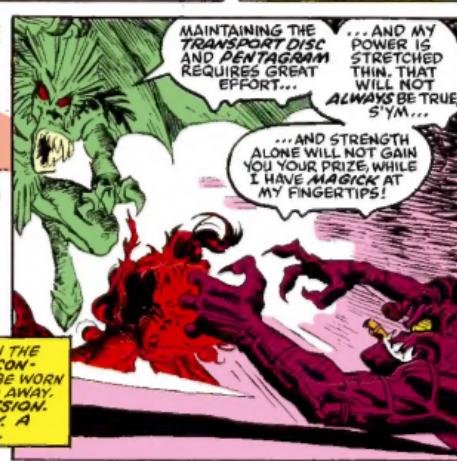
...THAT MADE
YOU A THING OF CIRCUITS
...NO LONGER FLESH
AND BLOOD,



HOW DID SHE
BECOME THIS
CRINGING
MONSTER?
THIS WRETCHED
SYMBOL?



A JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF CONQUEST, TO BE WORN OR TOSSED AWAY. A POSSESSION. A TROPHY. A THING.





PENTAGRAM
IS PART OF MAGICK,
SELFRIENDRAHNE
SELF SUSPECTS IT
IS THE MAIN PART.

IF SELFRIENDS
CAN DISRUPT IT,
PERHAPS MAGICK
WILL FAIL.

AND ILLYANA WILL
BE FREE OF HER
DARKCHILDIE
CURSE! OH...I DO
HOPE 'TIS TRUE!

BELLOW US,
DID YOU SEE?
A DEMON DROPPED
SOMEONE...

"...IT LOOKED LIKE A BOY.
I WONDER WHAT NASTIRH
CAN WANT WITH HIM?"*

* FIND OUT IN
X-TERMINATORS
4. 808

WHILE MERE BLOCKS AWAY...





**TIMES
SQUARE.**

**LOOK! BABIES FLOATING
AT THE PENTAGRAM'S POINTS!**

**OBSERVATION:
NEW GROUP IN
SHIPS ARE
SAVING BABIES!
AND WHERE BABY
WAS REMOVED,
PENTAGRAM
DISPERSES!**

**WHO ARE YOU?
NEW
MUTANTS!**

**N'ASTIRH
TRICKED ONE OF
OUR TEAMMATES
INTO OPENING A
TELEPORTATION
DISC BETWEEN
EARTH AND LIMBO.**

**WE'RE
RESPONSIBLE.
SO WE HAVE TO
CLOSE IT. IT'S
ALL OUR FAULT!**

**YOUR
FAULT? WE
THOUGHT IT
WAS OUR
FAULT!**

**N'ASTIRH
TRICKED OUR
TEAMMATE, WIZ
KID, INTO CREATING
A COMPUTER THAT
PROCESSES
MAGIC.**

**MAGIC'S
HOLDING
THE DISC
OPEN.
N'ASTIRH IS
MAKING WIZ
KID TYPE IN
THE SPELLS.**

**WE HAVE TO
SAVE HIM BUT...
THE BABIES...**

**WHAT ABOUT A
TWO PRONGED
ATTACK?**

**GOTCHA.
YOU NEW
MUTANTS
SAVE THE
BABIES AND
DISRUPT THE
PENTAGRAM...**

Sunday Play
Cafe Cola

**... WHILE US
X-TERMINATORS
BUST TAKI FREE
OF N'ASTIRH'S
CONTROL.**

**NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'
IT TOOK BOTH TEAMS
TO MAKE THIS MESS.
MAYBE TOGETHER
WE CAN STOP IT.**





HIGH OVERHEAD, DEMONS SWARM, AS THE NEW MUTANTS, RUSH TO FREE INFANTS LOCKED IN A MYSTIC SPELL...





WHILE FAR BELOW...





WHILE HIGH OVERHEAD...







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Bulpen Bulletins

ITEM: As three million volunteers around the country prepare for UNICEF's annual Halloween fund-raising campaign, they're wildly excited to have the full support of the ever-amazing Spider-Man! That's right—the wondrous web-slinger has been designated "National UNICEF Day Safety Char." In this distinguished new role, Spidey will deliver important Halloween safety tips on nifty posters and bookmarks designed by the ever-talented Jim Romita, and visit special sites in Boston, Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, and Puerto Rico, where he'll personally help collect money for millions of needy children overseas.

The Web-head is always eager to go to bat for causes that ensure the safety and well-being of kids everywhere. (You're aware, no doubt, that Spidey is an

National UNICEF Day



October 31

active spokesman for the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, right?) With UNICEF (the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), every penny, quarter, dollar and collected will go toward providing clean water, health and nutrition, education, immunization, and basic social services to children and their families in developing nations.

(Hey, if you want to help Spider-Man with his UNICEF fund-raising efforts, just call 1-800-948-2300 or write the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, P.O. Box 4000, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10163.)

ITEM: For the second month in a row, we're caught with but a half-page Bulpen Bulletins (wheee!). Don't worry, our prideless Pro: Files will return next month!

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"WHY? WHAT'S
CAUSING THIS
MESS, NOW--?"

I AM!

THE EXPLOSION
WOULD HAVE
DESTROYED
ME.. SAVE
FOR THE
TRANSMODE
VIRUS.

I HAVE ABSORBED
MAGICK INTO MY
VERY BEING. EACH
CELL IS PROGRAMMED
FOR MAGICK.

...AND THE WORLD
RESONATES
WITH MY
POWER.

ENOUGH!

AAR GH!

SLASH!

A STRANGE
EXISTANCE...
NOT QUITE ALIVE
...AND YET SO
MUCH MORE.

YOU USED... BLEEDING...
THE SWORD... DYING...
MASTER
WILL BE... PLEASED.

NO!
YOU CAN'T
DIE. YOU'RE
JUST A
CHAIR!

MISTRESS!
YOU USED
SWORD!

YOUR
BEAUTY
...BLINDING!

WHY YOU KILL
CHAIR WHEN IT
WORK SUCH
MIRACLES--?









NEXT ISSUE:
COLOSSUS JOINS THE NEW MUTANTS
IN THE CLIMACTIC--

SHELL GAME!
YOU DARE NOT MISS IT!

MINUTEMEN



Sy13nt Bob